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Serial No. 09/014,518**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 10-17.

REMARKS

Patent claims 1-9 remain pending. Added claims 10-17 have been canceled. The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-9 are allowed.

The rejections of claims 10-17 are moot in view of their cancellation. The only other issue the Examiner raises in the Office action is an objection under 35 U.S.C. § 132 to the amendment of the specification in Patent Owner's response filed September 24, 1998. The Examiner notes that the word "assume" in line 6 and the word "produce" in line 21 of the amended paragraph were changed from the original specification and, accordingly, contends that these changes constitute new matter. Patent Owner submits that the word "assume" in the amended paragraph was simply an erroneous transcription of the word "assumed" in the original specification. Patent Owner submits herein a replacement paragraph correcting the error. The replacement paragraph also reflects a correction of a newly discovered typographical error in the original specification; namely the word "product" on line 21 should clearly have been --produce--. This is not new matter and merely corrects what is clearly a minor informality of a typographical nature. In view of the replacement paragraph amending the original specification, Patent Owner respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection under 35 U.S.C. § 132.

In view of the foregoing, Patent Owner believes prosecution on the merits is closed and respectfully solicits an early Notice of Allowance.

Patent Owner wishes to thank the Examiner for her considerable attention to this merged reissue/reexamination proceeding in view of its complexity, the voluminous amount of prior art information submitted for consideration, and extensive participation by the third party Reexamination Requester and Protestor.

This amendment is filed in duplicate for entry in both the Reissue and Reexamination files.

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